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1. The struggle between the right-wing supporters of Imre Nagy and the Stalinists, most of whom have managed to retain their positions, has thrown the Hungarian Workers' (Communist) Party into serious confusion. A number of Central Committee members have attempted to build up organized resistance against the growing sympathy with the Nagy line, which popular opinion has identified with a revival of an independent national policy. The Party leadership is well aware, however, that it cannot reverse the process which it set in motion by rehabilitating the right-wingers and moving toward democratization.
2. Although Matyas Rakosi had announced his intention to return to Hungary, the Politburo suggested that he remain in the USSR for the time being. This decision was probably based on the assumption that Rakosi's presence in Hungary might lead to an open rebellion within the Party, which would probably result in the liquidation of his remaining supporters.
3. Nagy still refuses to exercise "self-criticism" and to accept the July Resolutions in their present form. His principal centers of support, big towns and important institutions, have flooded the political committee with more appeals than have ever been known in the history of the Hungarian Party. Though much of the outcome of the controversy depends on the talks between Ernő Gerő, Marshal Tito, and Nikita S. Khrushchev, a victory of the Stalinist wing is considered extremely unlikely.

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Comment: Although events have moved rapidly beyond the stages discussed above, the report may provide interesting background information.

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